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Whenever we have to discuss things in segmented or discrete parts, it can seem that the subject is very complicated and difficult. But all that we're talking about is taking children who need to learn how to read, write, and cipher and saying we've spent millions and millions of dollars to have this job done and that's what we want to result from it. When children finish their matriculation, we don't want to say like a football coach they matriculated across the stage like he said matriculate down the football field, colorful but somewhat incorrect. If when children leave the schools they know how to do the things that an educated child ought to do, we will all be very happy. We have to continually have these discussions because the job that the schools ought to be doing is not being done. It's not because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Beutler says that, that I say it, Senator Bohlke or anybody else. You have business people who are not well educated themselves. Mike Harper boasted about the fact he didn't go to any school of higher learning, and yet he was head of ConAgra. So even those people are saying that the schools are not equipping the children to meet their needs. Senator Beutler's amendment is eminently reasonable. I think it is suitable for our adoption, and I hope that we will adopt it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Jones, on the Beutler amendment to LB 812.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, right now this has been pretty confusing of what's been going on, and then I realize it's a confusing issue, but I'm still not convinced that we need to have state mandates and this issue is just more than just that. And I think a lot of the schools in my area, maybe the reason they wasn't on it was because of the alternative education that they have out there because they don't have an extra teacher, an extra place to put somebody. And I think even what they did, well, they had to hire another teacher to come in and that's what they didn't want to do. So they did everything they could to keep them in the class in place of expelling them. So, with that, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question to see if I can get myself convinced, but